

In The Claims:

1.-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Withdrawn) A handle for a lacrosse head comprising:

a hollow metal tube having an interior surface and an exterior surface, said hollow metal tube having a first end for communicating with a throat portion of a lacrosse head and a second end opposing said first end;

wherein said hollow metal tube has a first thickness defined by a distance between said interior surface and said exterior surface at a first location along a longitudinal axis of said hollow metal tube and a second thickness defined by a distance between said interior surface and said exterior thickness at a second location along said longitudinal axis of said hollow metal tube;

wherein said first thickness has a greater magnitude than said second thickness.

10. (Withdrawn) The handle of claim 9, wherein said hollow metal tube is defined by a top portion on one side of a centerline of the handle and a bottom portion on an opposing side of said centerline, said top portion and said bottom portion having a substantially uniform thickness from said interior surface to said exterior surface along a transversal axis of said hollow metal tube.

11. (Withdrawn) The handle of claim 10, wherein said top portion tapers in thickness from said first location to said second location.

12. (Withdrawn) The handle of claim 10, wherein said bottom portion tapers in thickness from said first location to said second location.

13. (Withdrawn) The handle of claim 10, wherein said exterior surface of said top portion and said exterior surface of said bottom portion are parallel to said centerline.

14. (Withdrawn) The handle of claim 9, wherein said first location is proximal to said first end of said hollow metal tube.

15. (Withdrawn) The handle of claim 9, wherein said second location is proximal to said second end of said hollow metal tube.

16. (Withdrawn) A handle for a lacrosse head comprising:
a hollow metal tube having an interior surface and an exterior surface, said hollow metal tube having a first end for communicating with a throat portion of a lacrosse head and a second end opposing said first end;

wherein said hollow metal tube has a first thickness defined by a distance between said interior surface and said exterior surface at a first length of said hollow metal tube and a second thickness defined by a distance between said interior surface and said exterior thickness at a second length of said hollow metal tube;

wherein said first thickness and said second thickness are different to provide tactile feedback to a player as to the orientation of the handle in said player's hand.

17. (Withdrawn) The handle of claim 16, wherein said first length includes said first end of said hollow metal tube.

18. (Withdrawn) The handle of claim 16, wherein said second length includes a middle portion of said hollow metal tube.

19.-27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) A handle for a lacrosse head comprising:
a one-piece hollow tube having a first end and a second end with said first end attached to a lacrosse head;

said first end and said second end defining a length of said hollow tube;

said hollow tube having an interior surface and an exterior surface;

said exterior surface defining a substantially fixed perimeter along said length and ~~having a generally uniform outer diameter;~~

a reference plane extending along a centerline of said hollow metal tube and dividing said hollow tube into a first half and a second half;

~~said hollow tube divisible into a first half on one side of a centerline of the handle and a second half on the other side of the centerline of the handle;~~

said hollow tube having a first wall thickness in said first half and a second wall thickness in said second half;

said first wall thickness diametrically opposed to said second wall thickness and being greater in magnitude than ~~that~~ said second wall thickness; and

wherein the distance from said substantially fixed perimeter of said exterior surface of said first half to said centerline is equal to the distance from said substantially fixed perimeter of said exterior surface of said second half to said centerline of a diametrically opposed portion of said second half of said hollow metal tube.

29. (Previously Presented) The handle of claim 28 wherein said hollow tube is formed from a metal material.

30. (Previously Presented) The handle of claim 28 wherein said wall thickness in said first half is substantially constant along said length.

31. (Previously Presented) The handle of claim 28 wherein said wall thickness in said second half is substantially constant along said length.

32. (Previously Presented) The handle of claim 28 wherein said hollow tube is formed by an extrusion process.

33. (Previously Presented) The handle of claim 28 wherein said hollow tube is comprised of a material selected from the group consisting of an aluminum metal, a titanium metal, and an alloy.

34. (Currently Amended) A handle for attachment to a lacrosse head, comprising:

- a one-piece hollow tube having a first end and a second end with said first end attached to a lacrosse head;

- said first end and said second end defining a length of said hollow tube;

- said hollow tube having an interior surface and an exterior surface;

- said exterior surface defining a substantially fixed perimeter along said length ~~and having a generally uniform outer diameter;~~

- a reference plane extending along a centerline of said hollow metal tube and dividing said hollow tube into a first half and a second half;

- said first half including a first side portion of said hollow tube;

- said second half including a second side portion of said hollow tube diametrically opposite to said first half portion;

- said hollow tube further including a pair of intermediate side portions extending through the reference plane and between said first side portion and said second side portion;

- said first side portion having a first wall thickness defined by a first distance between said interior surface and said exterior surface;

- said second side portion having a second wall thickness defined by a second distance between said interior surface and said exterior surface;

said first wall thickness diametrically opposed to said second wall thickness and greater than said second wall thickness; and

wherein the distance from said substantially fixed perimeter of said exterior surface of said first half to said centerline is equal to the distance from said substantially fixed perimeter of said exterior surface of said second half to said centerline of a diametrically opposed portion of said second half of said hollow metal tube.

35. (Previously Presented) The handle of claim 34 wherein said first wall thickness is greater than said diametrically opposed second wall thickness substantially along said length of said tube.

36.-40. (Cancelled)